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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 Applicant herewith submits certain patent references which the Patent & Trademark Office may wish to consider in examining the above-identified application. The references are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are also provided.

Also attached, please find an Annex form PCT/ISA/206 "Communication Relating to the Results of the Partial International Search" that was mailed by the EPO on March 23, 2004 relating the international application corresponding to this application. The partial international search lists the references that are not in the English language. Also enclosed, please find a copy of U.S. Patent Reference No. 3,750,820 which, according to the Patent Family Annex of Form PCT/ISA/206, is related to the French Reference No. 2,082,064.

No representation is made or intended that a prior art search has been made or that no better art than that listed is available.

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